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Beach Family Foundation Awards Grant to Support Smoky Hills PBS

BUNKER HILL, KS – Smoky Hills PBS is proud to announce the award of a generous grant from the Beach Family Foundation, providing vital support for educational initiatives, local storytelling, and expanded digital access across Central and Western Kansas.

The grant will directly support several key Smoky Hills PBS programs and services, including the PBS KIDS Writers Contest, the Share A Story early literacy summer program, locally produced content, and the [Smoky Hills PBS mobile app](#).

“These funds will have a meaningful and immediate impact on the families and communities we serve,” said Betsy Schwien, Smoky Hills PBS General Manager. “Support from the Beach Family Foundation helps ensure that children have access to educational opportunities, local stories continue to be told, and viewers across our large coverage area can connect with Smoky Hills PBS wherever they are.”

Smoky Hills PBS serves 71 counties in Central and Western Kansas, providing free, accessible programming that educates, informs, and inspires viewers of all ages. Educational outreach programs like the PBS KIDS Writers Contest and Share A Story encourage creativity, literacy, and a lifelong love of learning, while local productions highlight the people, history, and culture of the region.

The Beach Family Foundation’s investment also supports Smoky Hills PBS’s digital platforms, including its mobile app, helping ensure audiences can access trusted public media content on their preferred devices.

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Smoky Hills PBS is available over the air, on many cable systems, DirecTV, DirecTV Stream, Dish Network, HULU + Live TV, YouTube TV, and Amazon Prime. Viewers can also watch via the FREE Smoky Hills PBS mobile app for Android and iPhone devices or stream live at video.smokyhillstv.org/livestream.

For more information about Smoky Hills PBS, its programs, and community projects, visit SmokyHillsPBS.org or call 1-800-337-4788.